

Thank you for contacting Governor Cooper's office with your comment.

Governor Cooper's goal is to move North Carolina to rely completely on renewable energy sources, which builds a cleaner environment. During the time it takes to get to a full renewable energy future, the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) answers an energy need for North Carolina and moves our state away from high-pollution alternatives like coal-fired power plants.

Preserving clean water and the integrity of the communities where the pipeline is constructed is a top priority for the Cooper Administration. Governor Cooper has asked North Carolina's environmental regulators to hold this project accountable, insisting on clean water, effective sedimentation control and high air quality along the path of construction. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) required ACP to submit additional application information on five occasions and the agency will carefully monitor construction and operation of the pipeline. The ACP will be required to mitigate any damage from the construction.

Governor Cooper also announced the creation of a new \$57.8 million fund – paid for by the ACP – to be used for environmental mitigation initiatives like reducing the carbon footprint and expansion of renewable energy sources. Funds can also be used to ensure local communities benefit economically from the pipeline.

Governor Cooper is committed to protecting our environment and communities across North Carolina and will continue to push for North Carolina to become completely reliant on renewable energy.

Thank you.